

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of Establishing Budget) RESOLUTION
Policy on Inflationary Increases in)
County Administered Contracts with) 90-178
Providers of Ongoing Vital Services)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners contracts with community providers for a variety of vital ongoing county services including health, mental health, alcohol and drug, youth, aging, and community corrections,

WHEREAS, the Board has added inflationary increases to contractors to the Executive Budget during budget deliberations during the last two fiscal years,

WHEREAS, failure to grant corresponding annual increases in service contracts to community providers can reduce services to clients.

WHEREAS, repeated failure to grant inflationary increases can lead to crises threatening the provision of the service at any level.

WHEREAS, services provided by contract with community providers are comparable in importance to those provided directly by the County,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the County may have insufficient funds to always continue the current level of services. Therefore, the Budget Office may have to provide Departments with constraint budget amounts which will result in service reductions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners establishes the following budgetary policy regarding inflationary increases for community based non-profit agencies:

1. In establishing the Departmental base budget allocation or constraint figure, Planning and Budget should include an inflationary increase for contracted services provided by community based non-profit agencies funded by non-dedicated county General Fund revenue. The inflationary increase should be equal to a weighted average of the increase in personnel costs for county employees and the increase in materials and services to county departments.

2. For county administered contracts funded with non-General Fund resources, Departments should include (within the legal constraints of the funding source) a comparable inflationary increase with the non-General Fund resources received.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after receiving a constraint figure from the Budget office, Departments have discretion to make budget decisions to achieve a balanced budget to submit to the Chair. However, if the Department continues funding a contract with a non-profit community agency, it should include the inflationary increase in the contract.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will include in its legislative agenda support for a similar policy by the State of Oregon.



ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By Gladys McCoy
Gladys McCoy, Chair

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